

I. RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement which the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1-37, *i.e.*, the Group I claims.

Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions relating to this case, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Applicants' representative at (512) 536-3184.

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II. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of two months to and including December 10, 2004, in which to respond to the Restriction Requirement dated September 10, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$225.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee for a two-month extension of time for a small entity.

If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/MXGN:005USC2/SLH.

Respectfully submitted,



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